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GENERALIZED OPTICAL  
VORTICES  
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**DECLARATION OF DARRYL A. SMITH**

I, Darryl A. Smith, do hereby declare:

1. I am the docket clerk handling all patent matters for this office of Foley & Lardner LLP.
2. On February 27, 2006, Marshall Brown hand delivered a photocopy of an office action to my department for UCTECH matter 040563-0167, U.S. Patent Application number 10/659,153. The Office Action had a mailing date of September 19, 2005 from the PTO. I had not previously received or seen any Office Action for the subject case.
3. Following Foley & Lardner LLP's best practices procedures, once I received the Action from Mr. Brown, I immediately stamped and logged this Office Action in our electronic PTO log. I further proceeded to docket the Office Action in our docketing system with a drop dead date of March 19, 2006.

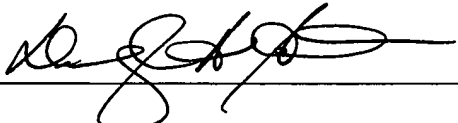
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Respectfully submitted,

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